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**Be sure to renew your  
Ethics Section  
membership this  
year!**

**Please make a  
submission for the  
paper awards, and  
attend the section  
meeting and the  
paper session!**

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# Ethics Section Newsletter 2020

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*Please join us for our Ethics Section  
online event at the ALSB conference!*

**Thursday, August 6**

**1:00-1:50pm: Ethics Section Meeting**

**1:50-2:55pm Virginia Maurer Award Finalists Paper Session**

*Featuring our  
Ethics Scholar-in-Residence,  
Anthony “Tony” Menendez*



Anthony “Tony” Menendez is the George A. Dasaro Clinical Assistant Professor of Accounting at Loyola Marymount University. At LMU, Tony teaches financial reporting, auditing, and fraud examination courses. In addition, he provides forensic accounting and litigation consulting services to attorneys representing clients in complex nationally litigated cases involving allegations of improper financial accounting, reporting and auditing. He shares his experience by speaking at prominent universities and organizations. He is a former audit executive with Ernst & Young and a former top controller at General Motors. In addition to his 25 years of professional experience, Tony holds a master’s degree in accounting and is a certified public accountant and certified fraud examiner.

Tony is best known as the “Accountant Who Beat Halliburton” and is widely recognized for his decade-long legal battle with the oil giant as a corporate whistleblower under Sarbanes-Oxley. Despite having no formal legal training, he represented himself during the appeals process and ultimately prevailed in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Consequently, his case has had a significant impact on that body of law and has resulted in significantly increased protections for all corporate whistleblowers

His experience has garnered national media attention including interviews with the New York Times, ProPublica, Bloomberg, and NPR’s Marketplace. For his notable contributions to professionalism and ethics in the accounting profession, he has been honored with the Accounting Exemplar Award from the American Accounting Association and the Sentinel Award from the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

## ***Call for Nominations***

At the annual meeting of the Ethics Section, we will vote for and elect a new Secretary to join the current leadership. If you are interested, please nominate yourself by sending an email to the four current officers (Stephen, Jennifer, Todd, and Tabrez) with a one paragraph bio/personal statement explaining your interest in running for office. Upon election, the Secretary begins a three-year ascension, ultimately leading to the Chair position, in which they will work with the other officers to organize the annual section meeting, select an annual speaker and Ethics Scholar-in-Residence, write and circulate the annual newsletter, coordinate the Ethics Award process, and other related section activities.

## ***Virginia Maurer Award for Outstanding Ethics Paper***

The Virginia Maurer Award for Outstanding Ethics Paper recognizes outstanding current and unpublished scholarly papers on the topic of business ethics as it relates to the legal environment of business (including corporate and organizational compliance). With the generous support of the University of Florida’s Warrington College of Business Administration, a cash award may be presented to the award winner. The presentation of the award shall be made during the Ethics Section’s meeting at the annual conference of the ALSB or at another time and location as best determined by the ALSB President Elect/Conference Chair and the leadership of the Section.

***Eligibility.*** To be eligible for this award, at least one author must be an ALSB member in good standing and present the paper at the annual ALSB conference. At least one author must also be a member of the Ethics Section and attend the Ethics

Section meeting. Papers may not have been published, although they may have been accepted for publication but not yet in print, prior to the date of the conference. Papers submitted for this award may not have been previously presented at the annual conference unless presented as a Development Track paper the year prior.

***Criteria.***

- Originality, timeliness, and importance of the topic, which relates to business ethics and the legal environment of business (including corporate and organizational compliance);
- Significant use of one or more ethical perspectives and a degree of sophistication in the utilization of these perspectives;
- Scholarly contribution, including advancement or clarification of a body of knowledge;
- Quality of analysis, including clarity of thesis, organization of arguments, and thoroughness and adequacy of support; and
- Technical proficiency, including quality of writing, clarity of expression, grammar, appropriate and accurate footnoting in conformity with the current edition of *The Bluebook: Uniform System of Citation*, and readiness for submission to a journal.

***Process.*** To be considered for the award, authors must follow these guidelines: Papers must be submitted electronically in conformity with instructions and deadlines set forth in the ALSB Winter and Spring Newsletters. Submissions must contain a separately attached cover page indicating the author's name, position, school affiliation, and e-mail address. This page will be removed for purposes of ensuring blind review. Papers must also conform to the relevant ALSB Conference Paper Submission Guidelines.

The selection committee shall conduct a blind peer review of all eligible papers. The selection committee will designate three papers as finalists for the award. This designation will rank the papers from one through three utilizing the selection criteria above. The highest ranked paper will receive the award.

The three finalists will be invited to present their papers in an Ethics Paper Award session at the annual ALSB conference, and it is expected that award finalists (at least one author in the case of a co-authored paper) will present their papers in this session.

***Committee.*** The selection committee will be assembled by the current Ethics Section officers in a manner that ensures no conflicts of interest. The selection committee will be comprised of ALSB members in good standing, including prior Ethics Section officers, prior award winners, and senior members of the ALSB researching in business ethics. Members who have submitted or are planning to submit a paper for the award are ineligible to serve on the selection committee.

***We Look Forward to Seeing You in August!***